GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:6350
ANSWERED ON:08.05.2002
REOPENING OF INDIAN MISSION IN ISLAMABAD
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to re-open the Indian Mission in Islamabad;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI OMAR ABDULLAH)

(a) On 27th December 2001, Government announced its decision to reduce the strength of the respective High Commissions in India and Pakistan by fifty percent (50%). This decision was taken, as part of a series of diplomatic measures announced by Government following the December 13 terrorist attack against Parliament.

The Indian High Commission in Islamabad has continued to function since then at reduced strength.

(b)&(c) Do not arise.